WELL I'LL BE — !!!
AND WHAT'S THE USE OF — GOSH WHAT DO I SEE IN THE GUTTER?
7

THE FIRST IDEA I EVER HAD AND I'VE HADDA BALL IT ALL UP! — OUCH!
8

NOW IF I CAN HIT THE RIGHT SPOT IN THAT FRENCH HE'LL THINK HE SAT ON A HOT STOVE!
9

A HORSES SHOE!
10

OVER MY LEFT SHOULDER FOR LUCK. UGH!
11

DOF!
12

GEE, DON'T IT MAKE YOU KINDA SHIVVERY WHEN YOU THINK THAT OLE 'SANDY' WILL BE AROUND IN TWENTY ONE DAYS?
IT'S ONLY TWENTY AND A HALF DAYS OLE TOP!
!
?
AW, THEY AIN'T NO SANDY CLAUS!-HE NEVER CAME TO OUR HOUSE!
KIN YOU 'MAGINE THAT!- HE THINKS THEY AIN'T NO SANDY CLAUS!
THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING!— I CAN'T GET IT THRU MY BEAN WHY 'SANDY' ALWAYS PASSES UP THE POOR GUYS!
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GEE, I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!- HE GETS INTO PLACES WHERE THERE AIN'T EVEN CHIMLEYS TOO!
WHY I KNOWED A POOR GUY WHICH LEFT HIS FRONT DOOR OPEN AND PUT HAY ON HIS FRONT STEPS FOR 'SANDY'S' REINDEERS AND NOTHIN' HAPPENED. HE WENT TO SLEEP TOO, AND NEVER TRIED TO PEEK!
OM McNAMARA
12-5

WHAT'S THE MATTER SHRIMP OLE TOP?
CHRISTMAS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH CHRISTMAS?
AW, I ALWAYS GET SO DARN GOOD AROUND CHRISTMAS THAT IT MAKES ME FEEL BAD!
!
I WISH CHRISTMAS NEVER COMES!
WHY OOFTY GOOFTY!
NOW IT'S LIABLE TO BE HERE TO-MORROW. I NEVER WON A WISH IN MY LIFE!
YES YOU SAP AND NOW YOU'D BETTER GO HOME AND WISH THAT SANDY CLAUS WAS LISTENIN' WHEN YOU SAID THAT!
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12-6
TOM McNAMARA

SKINNY SHANER TOLD ME ABOUT YOU BEING GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS JUST TO BAMBOOZLE SANTY CLAUS INTO GIVING YOU PRESENTS
WELL WHAT OF IT?
WHY, YOU CAN'T FOOL SANTY CLAUS THAT WAY. HE HAS BEEN WATCHING YOU ALL YEAR AND HE KNOWS YOUR RECORD
YA DON'T SAY!
WHY CERTAINLY!
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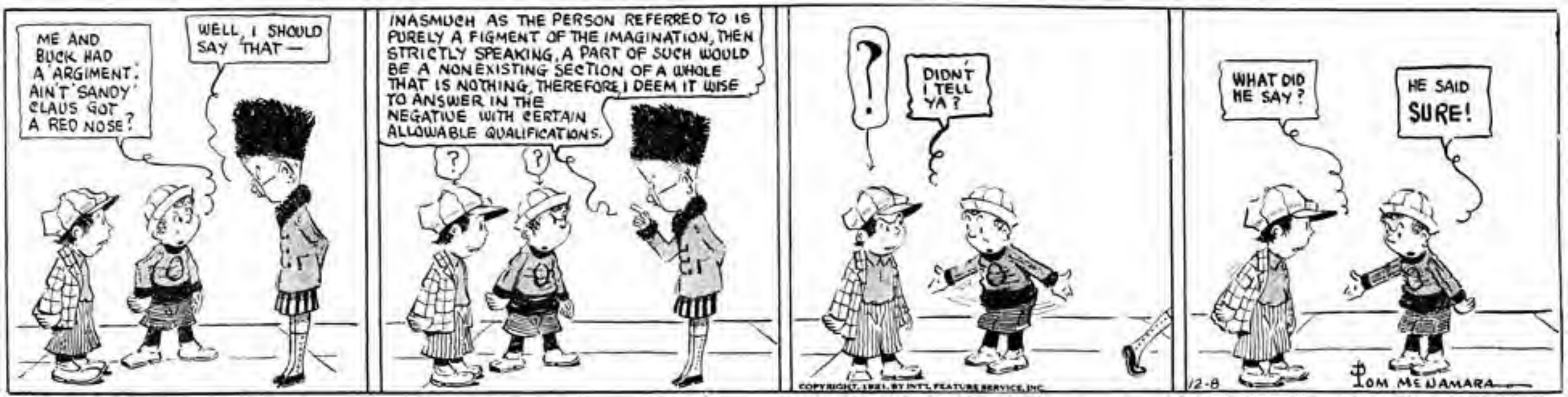
DID YOU WRITE A LETTER TO SANDY YET AND TELL HIM WHAT YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?
NAW,
I'M GONNA WAIT FOR HIM TO WRITE TO ME AND TELL ME WHAT HE'LL GIMME!
TOM McNAMARA


ME AND BUCK HAD A 'ARGIMENT: AIN'T 'SANDY' CLAUS GOT A RED NOSE?
WELL, I SHOULD SAY THAT —
INASMUCH AS THE PERSON REFERRED TO IS PURELY A FIGMENT OF THE IMAGINATION, THEN STRICTLY SPEAKING, A PART OF SUCH WOULD BE A NONEXISTING SECTION OF A WHOLE THAT IS NOTHING, THEREFORE, I DEEM IT WISE TO ANSWER IN THE NEGATIVE WITH CERTAIN ALLOWABLE QUALIFICATIONS.
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DIDN'T I TELL YA?
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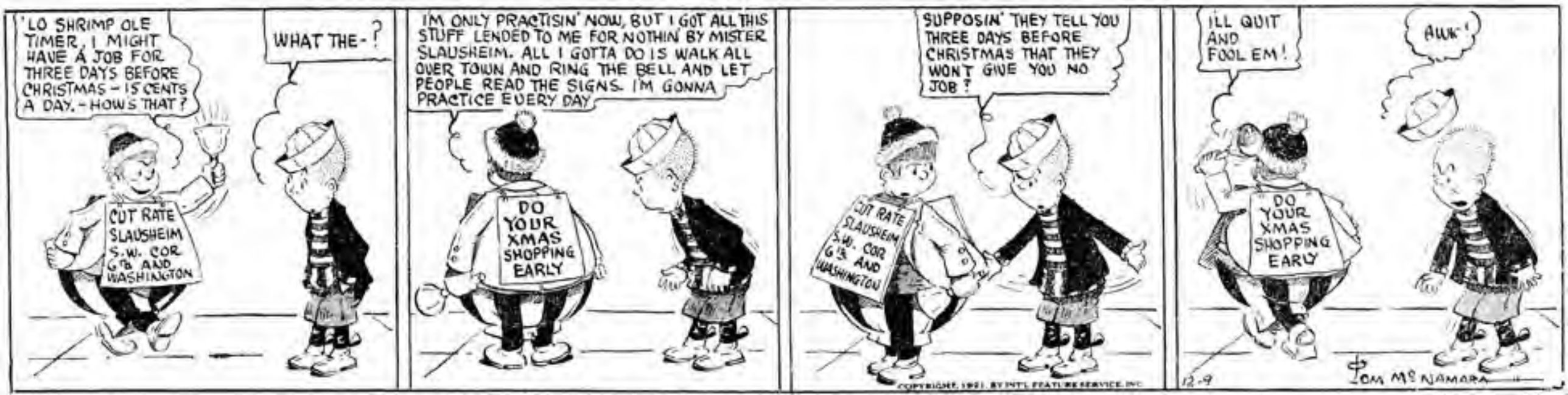
WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE SAID SURE!
12-8
TOM McNAMARA


'LO SHRIMP OLE TIMER, I MIGHT HAVE A JOB FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS – 15 CENTS A DAY. – HOW'S THAT?
CUT RATE SLAUSHEIM S.W. COR 6TH AND WASHINGTON
WHAT THE-?
I'M ONLY PRACTISIN' NOW, BUT I GOT ALL THIS STUFF LENDED TO ME FOR NOTHIN' BY MISTER SLAUSHEIM. ALL I GOTTA DO IS WALK ALL OVER TOWN AND RING THE BELL AND LET PEOPLE READ THE SIGNS. I'M GONNA PRACTICE EVERY DAY
DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
SUPPOSIN' THEY TELL YOU THREE DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS THAT THEY WON'T GIVE YOU NO JOB?
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I'LL QUIT AND FOOL EM!
DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
AUK!
12-9
TOM McNAMARA

I BETTER SHUT MY EYES. IF I EVER LOOK AT HIM, I MIGHT FORGET!
?
HEY SHRIMP, HEY SHRIMP, LOOK !!
CUT RATE
WHAT'S THE IDEA, ARE YOU JEALOUS 'CAUSE MISTER SLAUSHEIM LENT ME THESE THINGS TO PRACTISE FOR MY JOB WITH?
CUT RATE
FOR
AND
WASHINGTON
BEAT IT, BEAT IT - I DON'T WANNA LOOK AT YOU!
?
OH WERRY WELL
YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
GOSH, THE BELL! OOH GOSH! — HURRY UP, GET OUTA HERE
WHAT'S THE IDEA SHRIMP?
CHRISTMAS IS COMIN. I GOTTA BE GOOD. SKINNY COMES AROUND ALL DRESSED UP LIKE A TARGET. I KNOW WHERE THE BEST NO ACCOUNT TOMATO IN TOWN IS, AND I GOTTA PASS UP A CHANCE OF SLAMMIN' SKINNY WITH IT! - GOSH HANG IT!
TURRIBUL, TURRIBUL!
TOM McNAMARA
12-19

SKINNY IS PRACTISING FOR HIS POSITION VERY NICELY, I SHOULD SAY, ISN'T HE!
WHATCHA MEAN, PRACTISIN'?
DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
HE'S LEARNING THE ROUTE AND HOW TO RING THE BELL SO THAT WHEN HE GOES TO WORK HE WILL MAKE NO MISTAKES.
HE'S WORKIN' NOW, ONLY HE DON'T KNOW IT, THE SAP!
THE IDEA DAWNING
GEE WHIZZ, YOU'RE AS DUMB AS HE IS, IF YOU NEVER DOPED THAT OUT!
DON'T BE SILLY.-HOW COULD HE BE WORKING IF HE'S NOT GETTING PAID?
AND HE THOUGHT A MEMBER OF THE GENTLER SEX WOULD LET HIM HAVE THE LAST WORD.
SPOTS BEFORE THE EYES.
12-12
TOM McNAMARA

AFTER ALL, IT'S THE BEST THING TO BE NICE AND GOOD. OF COURSE, A FELLER DON'T HAVE SO MUCH FUN, BUT EVERYBODY RESPECKS HIM AND STUFF LIKE THAT, AND IT IS SO DARN NEAR CHRISTMAS TOO!
GOSH, HERE COMES SKINNY! - GEE HOW I'D LIKE TO SMACK HIM ONE IF I WASN'T SO GOOD!
DANG DANG DANG
!
DANG! DANG! DANG!
ABSOLUTELY THE VERY CHOICEST NO ACCOUNT APPLE THAT EVER FOUND IT'S WAY INTO OUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD
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LISSEN SHRIMP AND SEE IF THIS BELL SOUNDS BETTER WHEN I RING IT LEFTY, OR RIGHTY!
DANG! DANG!
XMAS PRESENTS AT ALMOST NOTHING CUT RATE SLAUSHEIM S.W. COR 6th AND WASHINGTON
BINK!
XMAS PRESENTS AT ALMOST NOTHING CUT RATE SLAUSHEIM S.W. COR 6th AND WASHINGTON
TOM McNAMARA
12-13

SAY OOFTY GOOFTY, IF YOU SEE THAT STIFF FLYNN, YOU TELL HIM I'LL HAUL OFF AND BANG HIM ONE ON THE BEAK IF HE EVER DARES TO WALLOP ME WITH A PUNK APPLE, LIKE HE DID YESTERDAY!
I AINT FOOLIN' NEITHER. HE'S TOO BLAMED FRESH!
DO XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
WERE YOU BOYS REFERRING TO SHRIMP FLYNN?
YES I WAS. I AINT GONNA STAND FOR HIS MONKEY SHINES NO MORE. I'LL KNOCK HIS BLOCK OFF THE BIG —
SKINNY MEANS THAT BIG!
DO XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
WHY HES SICK IN BED. HE HAD THE DOCTOR AND EVERYTHING!
WELL I HOPE THE DOC SLIPS HIM ALL THE SOUR MEDICINE HES GOT IN HIS TOOL BOX. THATS WHAT I HOPE!
DO XMAS SHOPPING EARLY
TAKE BACK THAT HOPE AGAINST MY POOR SICK PAL OR I'LL CROWN YOU KING OF THE CUCKOOS! - G'WAN, TAKE IT BACK, G'WAN!
SAY, WHAT THE — ?
DO XMAS SHOPPING EARLY

OH GRACIOUS, MRS FLYNN TOLD MY MOTHER THAT SHRIMP IS SO SICK THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SEND HIM TO A HOSPITAL!- OH GRACIOUS ISN'T THAT AWFUL?
AND HE WAS AS WELL AS ANYTHIN' DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY! - GOSH, AIN'T THE WORLD A SMALL PLACE AFTER ALL?
CAN YOU MAGINE THAT?
POOR SHRIMP!
I'LL BET HE FRAMED THAT UP SO'S HE CAN GET A FAST RIDE IN THAT AMBALANCE, THE BIG STIFF!
AND THEY GIVE YOU ORANGE JUICE FOR NOTHIN' IN A HOPITAL!- A FELLER TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT! - OOH WHAT A SMART GUY!
YOU SHUT UP OR I'LL PUT YOU IN TWO 'HOSPISTALS'! HOW DARE YOU SAY ANYTHIN' AGAINST MY BUDDIE?
SHOPPING EARLY
12-15
TOM McNAMARA

GUESS I'LL TAKE A DAY OFF FROM PRACTISIN' FOR WORK AND GO UP TO SHRIMPS HOUSE. I GOT A SCHEME TO CHEER HIM UP!
HOW YA FEELIN' OLE BUDDIE?
PUNK!
GOSH BUT MISS MANDERVILLE IS CROSS IN SCHOOL THESE DAYS. SHE'S GIVIN' EVERYBODY DOUBLE RITHMETIC FOR HOME WORK, AND SHE SENDS YOU TO THE PRINCIPAL FOR ALMOST NOTHIN' - SHE KEEPS EVERY BODY AFTER SCHOOL AND EVERYTHIN'
THAT'S GREAT!
IT WORKED!

WELL, POOR OLE SHRIMP IS LOW WITH HIGH FEVER, AND I CAN'T EVEN GO TO SEE HIM 'CAUSE THE DOCTOR WON'T LET ME!
GOSH I'M LONESOME!-I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE THING TO DO WITH MYSELF!-GEE WHIZZ THE BOSS WILL HAVE A FIT!
WELL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'M GONNA SING MYSELF A WHOLE SONG FROM BEGINNIN' TO END. OLE SHRIMP AIN'T AROUND TO STOP ME!
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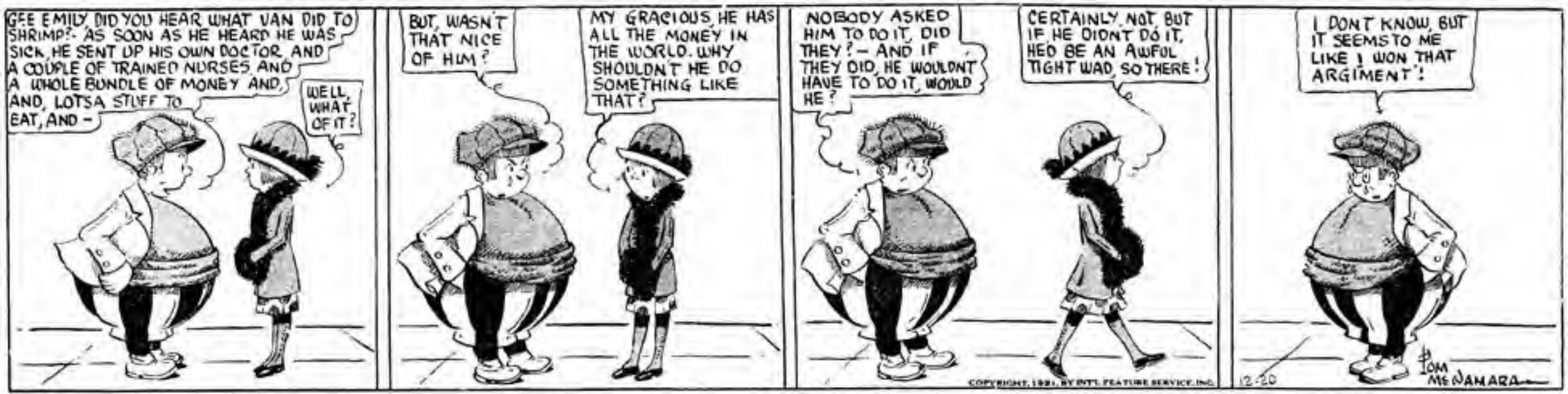
OH, HE GAVE ME HIS ALARM CLOCK. JUST TO PASS THE TIME AWAY HE -
AWK!
DOG GONE IT, THAT'S SHRIMP'S WINDOW!
TOM McNAMARA

OH MY, I'M SO SORRY FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE. I WROTE TO SANTA CLAUS ABOUT SHRIMP FLYNN BEING A BAD BOY, AND NOW HE IS VERY ILL AND I AM SO SORRY!
YOU, DONT SAY!
I SIMPLY MUST WRITE SANTA ANOTHER LETTER AND TELL HIM I DIDNT MEAN WHAT I SAID. I'M SO SORRY!
OH YES, YOU MUST DO THAT!
THAT'S A LOTTA BUNK ABOUT WRITIN' TO SANDY. YOU CAN'T FOOL HIM, HE ONLY BELIEVES WHAT THAT LITTLE BIRD TELLS HIM!
WHAT LITTLE BIRD?
THE SAME ONE WHO TELLS MY MA WHEN I BEEN INTO THE SUGAR JAR! - THE ONE I'M LAYIN' FOR!
NOW THAT CHANGES THE ASPECT OF THIS CASE CONSIDERABLY!
JOHN McNAMARA
12-19


GEE EMILY, DID YOU HEAR WHAT VAN DID TO SHRIMP?- AS SOON AS HE HEARD HE WAS SICK, HE SENT UP HIS OWN DOCTOR AND A COUPLE OF TRAINED NURSES AND A WHOLE BUNDLE OF MONEY AND, AND, LOTSA STUFF TO EAT, AND -
WELL, WHAT OF IT?
BUT, WASN'T THAT NICE OF HIM?
MY GRACIOUS, HE HAS ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD. WHY SHOULDN'T HE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
NOBODY ASKED HIM TO DO IT, DID THEY? - AND IF THEY DID, HE WOULDNT HAVE TO DO IT, WOULD HE?
CERTAINLY NOT, BUT IF HE DIDNT DO IT, HED BE AN AWFUL TIGHT WAD, SO THERE!
I DONT KNOW, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE I WON THAT ARGIMENT!
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12-20
TOM McNAMARA

I'LL BETCHA THAT SANDY CLAUS COMES AROUND WITH A SLED AND REIN-DEERS, I'LL BETCHA ON IT!
NOW BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR MONEY OOFTY GOOFTY. IT'S LIABLE TO BE A HARD WINTER!
I'LL BETCHA A MILLION BOCKS!
THERE YOU ARE!
WELL, A FELLER TOLD ME THAT SANDY COMES AROUND IN A BIG AEROPLANE!
BUT I AINT GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BET WITH YOU GUYS. I'M POOR PIPPLE!
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12-21
DON'T TELL NO BODY ABOUT THAT BOOK I GOT WITH THE PICTURE OF SANDY AND HIS REIN DEERS IN IT, WE MIGHT GET A BET!
YEH, LET'S LOOK FOR SOME SMART SUCKER WHO THINKS HE KNOWS IT ALL!
SAM McNAMARA

ISN'T IT SIMPLY DREADFUL ABOUT VAN BEING KIDNAPPED JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS! I'D LIKE TO CATCH THOSE NASTY OLE KIDNAPPERS. I'D TELL THEM A FEW THINGS!
BY GOSH, IF I GOT HOLD OF 'EM I'D WRING THEIR NECKS AND PUNCH 'EM IN THE JAW I WOULD!
OH MY, IT'S SIMPLY DREADFUL!
GOSH HANG THEM KIDNAPPERS, THEY OUGHT TO BE BOILED IN HOT OIL AND SEASONED WITH RED PEPPER!
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BOO HOO, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THIS PUTS ME OUT!
AW G'WAN, I LIKED VAN BETTER THAN ANYBODY, I DID. HE WAS MY BEST BOY FRIEND!
TOM McNAMARA
YES, BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE A NEW DRESS MADE SPECIALLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY HE WAS GOING TO GIVE!
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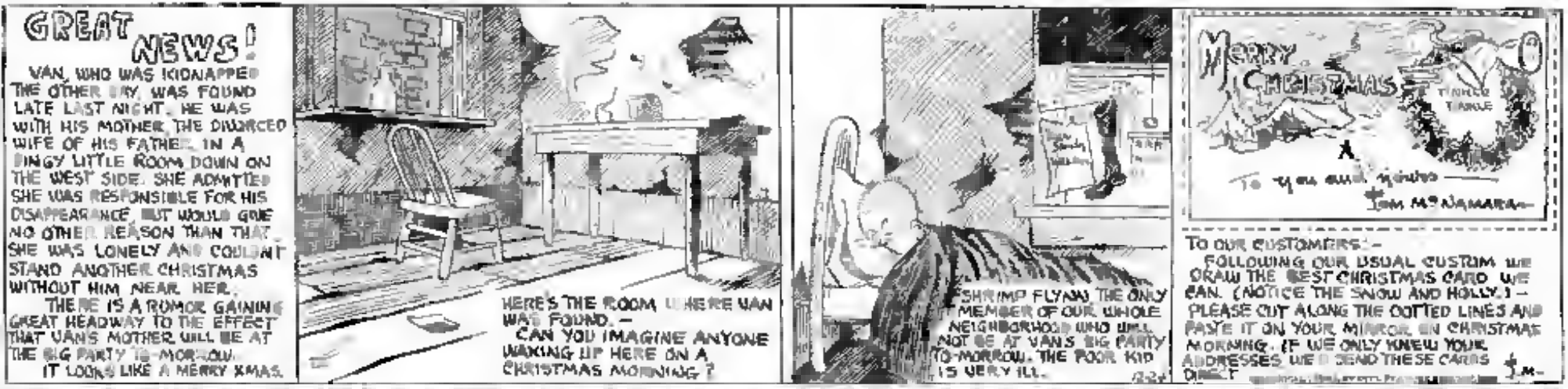
GREAT NEWS!
VAN, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED THE OTHER DAY, WAS FOUND LATE LAST NIGHT. HE WAS WITH HIS MOTHER, THE DIVORCED WIFE OF HIS FATHER, IN A DINGY LITTLE ROOM DOWN ON THE WEST SIDE. SHE ADMITTED SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE, BUT WOULD GIVE NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT SHE WAS LONELY AND COULDN'T STAND ANOTHER CHRISTMAS WITHOUT HIM NEAR HER.
THERE IS A RUMOR GAINING GREAT HEADWAY TO THE EFFECT THAT VAN'S MOTHER WILL BE AT THE BIG PARTY TO-MORROW.
IT LOOKS LIKE A MERRY XMAS.
HERE'S THE ROOM WHERE VAN WAS FOUND. — CAN YOU IMAGINE ANYONE WAKING UP HERE ON A CHRISTMAS MORNING?
"SHRIMP" FLYNN, THE ONLY MEMBER OF OUR WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WHO WILL NOT BE AT VAN'S BIG PARTY TO-MORROW. THE POOR KID IS VERY ILL.
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND YOURS —
TOM McNAMARA
TO OUR CUSTOMERS:—
FOLLOWING OUR USUAL CUSTOM WE DRAW THE BEST CHRISTMAS CARD WE CAN. (NOTICE THE SNOW AND HOLLY.) — PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINES AND PASTE IT ON YOUR MIRROR ON CHRISTMAS MORNING. IF WE ONLY KNEW YOUR ADDRESSES WE'D SEND THESE CARDS DIRECT.

LEMME BLOW, LEMME BLOW, PLEASE, PLEASE!
BRRR!
HE DOES NOT BELONG IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
NAW, I AIN'T GONNA LET YOU BLOW ON MY HORN.- SANDY CLAUS BRANG IT TO ME, ALL FOR MYSELF!
AW G'WAN, SANDY BRINGED ME A ROCKIN HORSE, AND A SLED, AND, AND, AND A BOOK, AND A CHOO CHOO CAR, AND, AND, AND, —
A BIG BIG BAG OF CANDY!— I GOT 'EM ALL HOME, BUT I WON'T LET YOU SEE 'EM!
MAY THE LORD FORGIVE THE LITTLE FIBBER. SANTA CLAUS DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE AT HIS HOUSE
AWWW
12-26 TOM McNAMARA

THAT PARTY UP TO IAN'S HOUSE WAS THE BEST CHRISTMAS BLOWOUT WE EVER HAD, WASN'T IT EMILY?-AIN'T IT A SHAME POOR SHRIMP WAS TOO SICK TO GO?
WELL, SHRIMP WOULD NOT HAVE ELEVATED THE SOCIAL TONE IN ANY WAY, EVEN IF HE WAS THERE!
GOSH, HAVE YOU STILL GOT A HEADACHE FROM THE ICE CREAM? I LOST MINE LAST NIGHT!
ARE YOU REFERRING TO MY BANDEAU?
WHY YOU 'IGMORAMUS,' THIS IS THE VERY LATEST THING I COULD WEAR.-THE VERY, VERY LATEST!
YA DON'T SAY!
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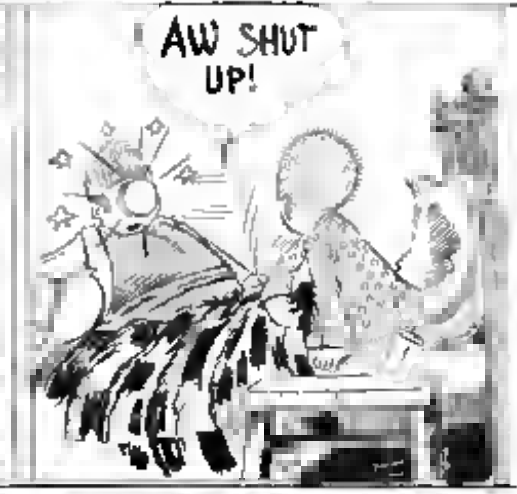
WELL, IF THAT'S THE VERY LATEST THING YOU COULD WEAR, YOU OUGHTA PUT IT ON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SO'S NOBODY COULD SEE YOU!
TOM McNAMARA
GOSH THAT WAS A CLEVER COME BACK!
12-27

YOUR MOMS TOLD MY MOMS THAT YOU WANTED TO SEE ME SHRIMP — HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I FEEL PUNK BUT I WANTED TO KNOW HOW VAN'S PARTY TURNED OUT ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON. TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT BEFORE I CROAK!

WELL, THERE WAS MORE WHITE ICE CREAM YOU COULD JUMP OVER AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE WAS SO BIG YOU COULDN'T SEE TALL WITH ONE LOOK AND SANDY CLAUS WAS THERE AND EVERYBODY GOT A PRESENT AND CANDY AND CAKE AND POP CORNS AND WHITE ICE CREAM WITH PINK IN IT AND


AW SHUT UP!

YA FEEL A LITTLE BETTER NOW, DONCHA?
NAW!

GOSH!
GEE WHIZZ!
WISH THEY'D LET ME SEE SHRIMP AND TELL HIM A JOKE OR SOMETHIN', THE POOR FELLER!
DARN IT!
DOG GONE IT!
WISH THEY'D LET ME UP SO'S I COULD BUST SKINNY ON THE BEEZER, THE BIG SAP!
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TOM McNAMARA

YA KNOW SOMETHIN' VAN, I LIKE YOU BETTER THAN ANY GUY IN OUR WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD. I THINK YOU'RE THE BEST FELLER IN THE WORLD, I DO!
OH NONSENSE!
LOOK WHAT YOU DID WHEN YOU HEARD THAT SHRIMP WAS SICK! - YOU GO AND SEND HIM DOCTORS AND MEDICINE, AND EVERY-THIN!
BUT, WHAT OF THAT?
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BUT YOU SENT HIS POPS A LOAD OF MONEY TOO!!
WHY, MONEY IS NOTHING!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
12-30

THESE HERE IS A FEW RESMULITIONS THAT OUR BOSS MR. MC NAMARA IS GONNA MAKE ON THE NEW YEAR, AND HE WANTS ME TO READ EM TO US. IT SAYS HERE ABOUT US THAT HE'S GONNA MAKE US WORK HARDER. THEN IT SAYS ABOUT HIM -
NUMBER 684 - NO STAYIN' UP ALL NIGHT -
NUMBER 685 - EXCERCISE EVERY DAY -
NUMBER 686 - ALWAYS A WEEK AHEAD IN WORK -
NUMBER 687 - NO HANGIN' AROUND THE CLUB WHEN I OUGHT TO BE WORKIN'
NUMBER 688 - ANSWER ALL LETTERS PROMPTLY
SAY, HE'S GONNA BE SOME GUY, AIN'T HE?
WELL I SHOULD SAY SO!
WHY HE IS GOING TO REFORM COMPLETELY!
EVERYBODY IN OUR WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD BUT THAT SCAMP SHRIMP FLYAN SEEMED TO BELIEVE DS TOO. - HOWEVER, HAPPY NEW YEAR,
WHAT A CHANCE!